ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

1979 & 1980 Grain Sales To USSR - The Soviet Union is heading for a grain harvest estimated at about 185 million metric tons, sharply below the record 1978 production of 237 million tons.

The Soviet Union has been permitted to purchase 17 million metric tons of U.S. grains during the third year of the U.S.-USSR Agreement, ending September 30. In October 1978, the Soviets were told that, given the U.S. grain supply, they could purchase up to 15 million tons of grain without prior consultation during the third year of the agreement. Near the end of July 1979, the Soviets were told that they could purchase up to 10 million tons of wheat through September 1980. Up to 2 million tons of that amount could be shipped through September 1979.

Scattered reports of an embargo on U.S. grain to the USSR are erroneous. In the July offering there was a mutual understanding that 5 million tons of corn may be purchased during the fourth year of the agreement. The possibility of additional purchase of U.S. coarse grains during the fourth year of the agreement will be discussed at the regular meeting of the two governments in October.

As of August 20, 1979 Soviet purchases from the U.S. were:

	Corn	Wheat (million metric tons
Third year of agreement (Oct. 1, 1978-Sept. 30, 1979	11.476	15.453
Fourth year of agreement (Oct. 1, 1979-Sept. 30, 1980)	2.180	3.097

The five-year grain supply agreement was signed by both nations on October 20, 1975. That agreement calls for the purchase an additional 2 million metric tons without consulting the U.S. government. (The U.S. grain supply is estimated to be 347.9 million metric tons for 1978-79, and is projected to be 353.3 million metric tons for 1979-80.) Purchases beyond the total of 8 million tons must be discussed by the two countries.

The agreement also provides for regular government-to-government consultations for an exchange of information on grain needs and availabilities in the two nations. These meetings are held semi-annually in the spring and fall.

Fire-Cured Tobacco-Shortly, all producers of fire-cured tobacco for 1979 will receive a post-card from the ASCS office asking them to certify as to the use of DDT, TDE, toxaphene or Endrin and whether or not Maryland tobacco was planted on the farm.

When you receive this card, you are urged to answer the questions, sign, date and send it back to the ASCS office. This card needs to be returned before we can mail your marketing card later in the year.

Set-Aside Acreage-Farmers that are participating in the 1979 Set-aside programs are reminded that no harvesting is permitted on set-aside acreage during the 1979 calendar year; however this land can be grazed after September 1, which is now in effect.

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Local Assembly Calls Meeting

The local Appomattox Assembly is holding a special meeting next Wednesday evening, September 19, at 7:30 in the fellowship hall of the Galilee Baptist Church. All members and friends are asked to come out. The newly appointed field worker will be presented and officers for the new year will be elected and the executive council will be appointed.

Impressive service was held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The Rev. Raymond Turner delivered the morning message. Beautiful music was rendered by the senior choir.

All Sunday schools of the East and West Bound Union are reminded of the next regular meeting on the fifth Sunday in this month, at the Zion Baptist Church, Pamplin, Va. This is the annual meeting and all schools are asked to represent.

The general public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

According to the chairman of the committee, Miss Georgia Fleshman of the anniversary program, the pastor of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church, Spout Spring, Va. are in the final stage. The occasion will mark the 32nd year of Rev. R. Q. Lawing as pastor. Members and friends are asked to take an active part. Final plans will be announced in this column later.

Deacon and Mrs. Madison Fleshman of Baltimore, Md. spent a week's vacation here visiting relatives and friends. While here they attended the Promise Land Baptist Church homecoming and revival. They also visited in the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing and offered prayer.

Funeral services were held at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church last Saturday at 2 p.m. for the late Mr. Warren Gibson. The Rev. Lawing officated. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial was held in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Virginia Hicks was taken to the local hospital Monday for special treatment.

A large crowd of members and friends attended the annual homecoming of the Mount Obed Baptist Church Sunday. The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner.

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Wednesday, September 12

School children will be given free admission in the afternoon. Special low prices on rides in the afternoon from noon to 6 p.m. Fashion Revue at 4 p.m. in the Arena. Gate prize a bicycle. Drawing at 6:00 p.m.

SPECIAL FEATURES ARE: Tractor driving contest at 1:00 o'clock. Baked Products and Flower Show for 4-H, FHA and other Students. Foshion Review at 4 p.m. in the Arena. Swine Show Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. Dairy cattle judging at 7:30 p.m. in the Arena.

Thursday, September 13

Adult Flower Show and Baked Products for Homemakers.

BEAUTY CONTESTS—"Junior Miss" contest at 8:00 p.m. in the Arena, followed by the "Miss Five County Fair" contest at 8:30 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Ray A. Moore, chairmen.

Friday, September 14

TALENT SHOW—Junior Contest at 8:00 p.m. for 7the grade or below. Senior Contest (8-12 grade) at 8:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells in charge.

Saturday, September 15

HOMECOMING—Closing night. Everything will be in full swing. Adult Talent Show at 8:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells in charge. All your friends will be present.

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The above students participated in the FBLA skit at the first meeting of the school session.

Diane Jones Celebrates Birthday

Diane Jones celebrated her 13th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were "Diane", Beverly Bennett, Darlene Howard, Terry Guthrie, David Jones, Jr., Robyn Jones, Herbie Jones, Becky Bass, Teresa Everton, Pam Bennett, Joanie Fleshman, Stella Osborne, Davis Jones, Sr., Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Jones.

Connie Morris Celebrates Birthday

Connie Morris celebrated her 8th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were "Connie", Susan Williams, Debbie Richardson, Denise Daubenspeak, Tanya Morris, Jay Cooke, Janice Cooke, Jeff Cooke, Shawn Morris, Mitzi Baldwin, Donna Baldwin, April Hackney, Michelle Baldwin and Kelly Tolley.

Directories For Pick-Your-Own Apples Available From VDACS

Fall means apple harvest time and the early varieties are coming in now. To help consumers take advantage of this year's very good crop, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has just published three updated directories for pick your-own apples.

The directories list those popular varieties as; Red and Golden Delicious, Winesap, York, Rome and Stayman. Several outlets are also selling fresh apple cider and apple butter and even have picnic facilities available. This is a once a year opportunity to purchase fresh, juicy apples direct from the orchard while they are at their peak in flavor and crispness, and to enjoy a family outing in the countryside as well.

Free copies of the directory for your area may be obtained by writing Apples, VDACS, 203 North Governor Street, Richmond, Va. 23219 or by calling (804) 786-3851.

Virginia's apple crop will be only slightly smaller than last year's, mostly due to fewer Golden Delicious. The harvest will continue through September and finish on late varieties about the end of October, according to VDACS fruits marketing agent, Charles C. Mayes.

Consumer demand for apples is expected to be high. Besides the ever-popular apple pie, this favorite fruit can be used as an excellent and economical snack food, as other snack foods have jumped in price. Apples are a good source of quick energy since the natural fruit sugar, fructose, is more readily absorbed into the system than refined sugar.

And the old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away" is no idle proverb. Raw apples can help in combating intestinal disorders, for they provide natural "bulk" and aid in digestion. The apple has also been referred to as "nature's toothbrush" because it cleans the teeth and massages the gums.

So, whether you eat them raw, bake 'em, fry 'em or apple-pie 'em, now is the time to buy 'em...fresh, juicy Virginia apples.

FBLA Holds First Meeting

The Appomattox County High School Future Business Leaders of America held its first meeting September 5, 1979, in the school's auditorium.

Debbie Roach, president, called the meeting to order. Tammy Womack, chaplain, read the devotional. The secretary's minutes were dispensed and Melinda Davis, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.

New business consisted of:

Dues of $4 are payable to Mrs. Holt or Miss Williams by September 21, 1979. The money-making project for the year will be selling flower bulbs and the project will begin in October.

The vice-president, Gina Kreidel, introduced the program which consisted of an overview of monthly programs presented in the 1976-79 monthly meetings and a skit entitled "The Twelve Years of School."

Va. Pork Festival Tickets On Sale

Tickets for the sixth annual Virginia Prk Festival will be placed on sale October 1, 1979. The 1980 festival will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 11, 1980, at the Greensville County Ruritan Club Grounds near Emporia, Virginia.

Ticket sales policy is as follows: Twelve thousand tickets will be sold. Tickets will be ten dollars ($10.00) and orders will be limited to for (4) tickets per person. Tickets will be sold by mail only. Orders will be filled on a first come - tirt serve basis based on date of postmark.

The above policy will be honored, if possible. In 1979, March 1 postmarked ticket orders exceeded those tickets available for sale by forty percent. Should a tickety overorder occur-it will be necessary to place all October 1 postmarked ticket orders in a bingo drum and pull ticket orders by random sample until tickets are depleted. It is hope that ticket orders arrive in such a manner that it will not be necessary to implement the alternate policy.

Tickets may be ordered from the Virginia Pork Festival, P.O. Box 1001, Emporia, Virginia 23847. The Virginia Pork Festival is a non-profit activity dedicated to the promotion of pork and port products and to giving recognition to the swine industry.

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